

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 4499–4538; 1 private bill, H.R. 4539; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; H. Con. Res. 66–68; and H. Res. 596–602 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lawrence to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Timmons wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Timmons wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative González-Colón (PR) wherein she resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

STEM Opportunities Act of 2019: H.R. 2528, amended, to direct the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to carry out programs and activities to ensure that Federal science agencies and institutions of higher education receiving Federal research and development funding are fully engaging their entire talent pool;

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South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019: H.R. 335, amended, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida;

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Cybersecurity Vulnerability Remediation Act: H.R. 3710, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for the remediation of cybersecurity vulnerabilities;

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Unifying DHS Intelligence Enterprise Act: H.R. 2589, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security;

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TSA Reaching Across Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Traveler Education Act: H.R. 3691, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports;

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Trusted Traveler Reconsideration and Restoration Act of 2019: H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs;

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Helping Families Fly Act of 2019: H.R. 3694, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement training for frontline Administration personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women and families with young children at passenger screening checkpoints;

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Traveling Parents Screening Consistency Act of 2019: H.R. 3246, to require GAO review of certain TSA screening protocols;

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Counter Terrorist Network Act: H.R. 3526, to authorize certain counter terrorist networks activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

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Domestic and International Terrorism Documentation and Analysis of Threats in America Act: H.R. 3106, amended, to require a joint domestic terrorism report, establish within the Department of Homeland Security a National Center for the Study of Domestic Terrorism, authorize research within the Department of Homeland Security on current trends in domestic terrorism; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require a joint domestic and international terrorism report, authorize research within the Department of Homeland Security on current trends in domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.”.

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Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a yeand-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 550, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 230 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 549.

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U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act: The House passed H.R. 3525, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to

establish uniform processes for medical screening of individuals interdicted between ports of entry, by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 552. **Pages H8032–37, H8038–40**

Rejected the Green (TN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 551. **Page H8040**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–33 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2203) and (H.R. 3525) and the resolution (H. Res. 576) was agreed to yesterday, September 25th.

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act of 2019: H.R. 3722, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a Joint Task Force to enhance integration of the Department of Homeland Security's border security operations to detect, interdict, disrupt, and prevent narcotics, such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, from entering the United States. **Pages H8022–24**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 596, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H8041**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8019.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8037–38, H8038, H8040, and H8040–41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM: RESTORING OUR FOREST INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “The National Forest System: Restoring our Forest Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Lenise Lago, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

IRS OVERSIGHT: TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “IRS Oversight: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration”. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

MISCLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES: EXAMINING THE COSTS TO WORKERS, BUSINESSES, AND THE ECONOMY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Misclassification of Employees: Examining the Costs to Workers, Businesses, and the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Karl A. Racine, Attorney General, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

MAKING HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE: LOWERING DRUG PRICES AND INCREASING TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Making Health Care More Affordable: Lowering Drug Prices and Increasing Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a markup on H.R. 1603, the “Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 535, the “PFAS Action Act of 2019”; H.R. 2377, the “Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act of 2019”; H.R. 2533, the “Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act”; H.R. 2566, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the Safer Choice Standard to provide for a Safer Choice label for pots, pans, and cooking utensils that do not contain PFAS, and for other purposes; H.R. 2570, the “PFAS User Fee Act of 2019”; H.R. 2577, the “PFAS Right-To-Know Act”; H.R. 2591, the “PFAS Waste Incineration Ban Act of 2019”; H.R. 2596, the “Protecting Communities from New PFAS Act”; H.R. 2600, the “Toxic PFAS Control Act”; H.R. 2605, the “PROTECT Act of 2019”; H.R. 2608, the “PFAS Testing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2626, the “PFAS Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 2638, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2699, the “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019”. H.R. 1603, H.R. 535, H.R. 2377, H.R. 2533, H.R. 2566, H.R. 2570, H.R. 2577, H.R. 2591, H.R.